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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.	DELAGRAVE, SIMON	
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THE REPLY FILED 04 October 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: see attached "Advisory Action Continued". (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: **61-69**.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
Please refer to the attached "Advisory Action Continued".
 12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
 13. Other: _____.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Advisory Action Continued

The amendment filed October 4, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance and will not be entered because of the following:

- a. The proposed amendment requires further consideration and/or search (i.e. the new limitation "and wherein said parent neutralizing agent is a protein comprising a PDZ domain" in independent claim 61).
- b. The proposed amendment may necessitate the modification of outstanding rejection(s) to address the new limitation (i.e. the new limitation "and wherein said parent neutralizing agent is a protein comprising a PDZ domain" in independent claim 61).
- c. The proposed amendment may necessitate the raising of new prior art rejections (i.e. the new limitation "and wherein said parent neutralizing agent is a protein comprising a PDZ domain" in independent claim 61).
- d. There is no convincing evidence under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment was not earlier presented.
- e. Applicant's arguments of the prior art of record (i.e. Rosin et al., Eaton et al., and Karrer et al.) are moot since the arguments are based on the proposed amendments that have not been entered.

Arguments and Response

Applicant's arguments directed to the rejection under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Staudinger et al. for claims 61-62 and 64-65 were considered but are not persuasive for the following reasons.

Applicant contends that Staudinger et al. fails to teach coevolution methods for countering resistance, selecting one or more next generation neutralizing agents...from diversified populations...wherein the selected one or more neutralizing agents...have improved neutralizing activity" which applicant asserts would require an experiment testing binding of PICK1 mutants with PKC α mutants in the Staudinger et al. reference, or broad neutralizing activity.

Applicant's arguments are not convincing regarding claims 61-62 and 64-65 since the teachings of Staudinger et al. anticipate the method of the instant claims. Staudinger et al. teach producing PKC α mutants, PKC isoforms, PICK1-like PDZ domains, and PICK1 mutants (i.e. diversifying target and neutralizing agent) and various binding assays including determining binding of PICK1 to PKC α , PKC α mutants, and PKC isoforms; determining binding of PICK1-like protein (i.e. PICK mutant) to PKC α and PKC α mutants (i.e. applicant's required experimental test of binding between PICK1 mutants and PKC α mutants; coevolution); and determining binding of PICK1 mutants to the PKC α catalytic domain (i.e. applicant's required experimental test of binding PICK1 mutants to PKC α "mutants" wherein the truncation of PKC α is considered a "mutant" PCK α ; coevolution) wherein "selection" occurs via analyzing the results for positive or negative binders (please refer to the entire specification particularly the abstract; Figures 1-3 and 5-6; pages 32021-32022).

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e. screening diversified targets for binding to diversified neutralizing agents wherein the screen occurs at the same time and not in separate steps) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims

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are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). The present method comprises two method steps which are (a) diversifying a target and a neutralizing agent and (b) selecting a target and a neutralizing agent.

In response to applicant's arguments, the recitation "coevolving" has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951).

Withdrawn Rejection

Applicant's arguments regarding broad neutralizing activity (i.e. PKC7 is the catalytic domain of PKC α) are persuasive. Thus, the rejection of claim 63 under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Staudinger et al. is withdrawn in view of applicant's persuasive arguments.

Conclusion

For all the reasons above, the amendment does not place the application in better condition for allowance and/or appeal.

Future Communications

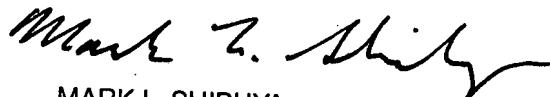
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amber D. Steele whose telephone number is 571-272-5538. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Schultz can be reached on 571-272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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